State	Location
Gujarat	Ahmedabad; Gandhidham; Gandhinagar; Vadodara
Rajasthan	Ajmer
* Punjab	Amritsar
Kerala	Calicut; Cannanore; Cochin; Thiruvananthapuram
Jharkhand	Dhanbad; Chakradharpur
Karnataka	Dharwad
J & K	Jammu
Maharashtra	Nagpur
Assam	Guwahati

(c) New Zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations.

(d) No demand for creation of new zone at any location in under consideration of the Ministry.

Delay of trains connecting Dehradun

897. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that most of the trains connecting Dehradun with other parts of the country arrive behind their scheduled time; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such continuous delay and the details of the immediate and long-term steps being taken to address the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Punctuality of trains terminating at Dehradun has not been satisfactory due to various factors such as asset failures, miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, natural calamities, damage to track due to breaches, law and order problems, foggy weather, cattle run over and electricity grid failures. Indian Railways continuously monitors the punctual running of trains through immediate and long-term measures which, *inter-alia,* include:

1. Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels *viz.* Divisional, Zonal Headquarters and Railways Board.
2. Launching of punctuality drives from time to time.
3. Running of trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restrictions.
4. Improvement is standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
5. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.

6. Improvements in Time tabling to provide a clear path.
7. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.
8. Upgradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling.

Luxury budget hotels

898. SHRI MATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to establish luxury budget hotels in • the country;

(b) if so, what are the cities and towns which have been identified for the purpose, so far, across the country;

(C) the number of such hotels expected to come up, citi and town-wise; and

(d) by when these hotels are expected to be completed and what would be the cost of each hotel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to set up 100 budget hotels throughout the Indian Railways network in the vicinity of major railway stations through Public Private Partnership. The list of 100 identified location/railway stations is given in the Statement *(See* below). However, setting up of budget hotels at eight locations (i.e. Caranac Bunder, Agra, Pune, Chennai, Anand Vihar, Chandigarh, Secunderabad and Habibganj) which have been identified for development as world class stations, has been reviewed so as to avoid conflict between development of budget hotels and world class stations. Though the process for setting up such hotels has started, no time-frame for their completion has been fixed as yet. The cost of these hotels varies from hotel to hotel depending on its size and the cost is to be borne by the, private partner.

Statement

List of proposed locations for Budget Hotels